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SUBJECT: CIVIL AIR ADVISOR FOR QATAR

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1. DEPARTMENT REGRETS THAT OVER LONG PERIOD SINCE QATARIS MADE INITIAL REQUEST FOR CIVIL AIR ADVISOR, NO CANDIDATE HAS APPEARED FOR THE JOB. THIS IS CERTAINLY IN PART A RESULT OF THE ABSENCE OF A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN QATAR AND THE U.S. WHICH WOULD ALLOW PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE CIVIL AIR ADVISOR SLOT IN QATAR WHO ARE U.S.G. EMPLOYEES TO RETAIN THEIR CIVIL SERVICE PREQS AND REEMPLOYMENT RIGHTS. AS WAS VERY CLEARLY EXPLAINED TO QATARI EMBOFF WHEN HE PASSED USG INITIAL REQUEST FOR A CIVIL AIR ADVISOR, FAA WAS LIMITED TO INFORMING RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF FIRMS IN THE AIRLINE INDUSTRY OF THE CIVIL AIR ADVISOR JOB IN QATAR. HIGHLY UNLIKELY SOMEONE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ABANDONING HIS PRESENT POSITION AND PENSION RIGHTS FOR A LIMITED DURATION ASSIGNMENT IN QATAR.

2. DESPITE RELATIVELY NARROW FIELD FROM WHICH CIVIL AIR ADVISOR FOR QATAR MUST COME, WE HAVE PRESENTLY LOCATED
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ONE HIGHLY QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXPRESSED

AN INTEREST IN THE JOB AND PLAN TO INTRODUCE HIM TO QATARI
EMBASSY OFFICERS ASAP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. WE WILL
KEEP YOU INFORMED.
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